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Organization of work

Note by the Chairman

Some eight meetings of Working Group I have been tentatively allocated for the consideration of item 9(f). In dealing with this item it is suggested that the debate of the Working Group should concentrate on the major issues listed below:

1. Situation and prospects. (References: TD/22, paras. 20-21, 24-29 (Nutritional levels), 30-34 (Trends in food production relating to demand), 46-53 (World Food Problem, future prospects); TD/43, paras. 56-72; TD/48, pages 5-29, 91-103; TD/55, paras. 12-24; TD/68, pages 2-3.)

2. Relationship to trade: export earnings and economic development of developing countries. (References: TD/22, paras. 3-7, 17, 35-41 (Food imports in developing countries); paras. 42-45 (Agricultural export earnings of developing countries); TD/43, paras. 73-80; TD/48, pages 30-37, 38-46; TD/55, paras. 6-11, 12-13, 48-54, 58-67; TD/68, pages 3-4.)

3. Measures to assist developing countries to increase their food production and to improve the conditions for its distribution and marketing. (References: TD/22, paras. 18-19; TD/48, pages 79-90; TD/68, page 4;

   (a) National measures in developing countries. (References: TD/22, paras. 54-62; TD/48, pages 73-78; TD/55, paras. 48-67.)

   (b) International co-operation. (References: TD/22, paras. 63-66; TD/68, pages 5-6.)

      (i) Food aid. (References: TD/22, paras. 12-14, 67-69; TD/43, paras. 153-165 (Interagency study of multilateral food aid), 174-182 (World Food Progress); TD/48, pages 47-54, 60-66; TD/55, paras. 80-83; TD/68, page 4.)

      (ii) Aid to Agriculture. (References: TD/22, paras. 9-12; TD/43, paras. 166-173 (Food production resources programme); TD/48, pages 67-72; TD/55, para. 80; TD/68, page 5.)

      (iii) Trade measures for access. (References: TD/22, paras. 71-72; TD/48, pages 55-59; TD/68, pages 6-10.)